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Docket No.: 61352-060

REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

Prior Application: International Application No. PCT/JP03/03787
Art Unit: (Unassigned)
Examiner: (Unassigned)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled

THERMOELECTRIC TRANSDUCING MATERIAL, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, under 35

U.S.C. 111(a) of pending prior International Application No. PCT/JP03/03787, filed on March 27, 2003, by the

following named inventors:

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1. ☒ I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2a. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ Cancel claims

4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Total Claims | 27 | -20 | 7 | \$18.00 = | \$126.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | -3 | 0 | \$86.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$770.00 |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$896.00 |
| Subtract ½ if small entity | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Assignment and recordation fee | | | | | \$40.00 |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE | | | | | \$936.00 |
| AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417 | | | | | \$936.00 |

4a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

4b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

7. ☒ Priority of Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2002-106175 filed on April 9, 2002, in Japan and International Application No. PCT/JP03/03787 filed March 27, 2003 designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120 and/or 365. A certified copy of the Japanese priority document is enclosed.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.

9. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

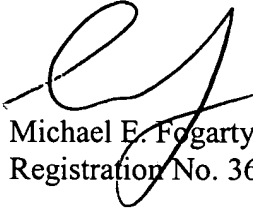
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10. ☒ Also enclosed:
1. International Search Report from JPO.
 2. Front page of Published International Application.
 3. PCT/IB/301, 304, 308 & 332.
11. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until
12. ☐ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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